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**Sherborne House**

*Enquiring Minds, Extraordinary Stories.*

## **Educational Visits Policy**

This policy applies to all pupils, including those in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

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**Associated Policies –**

**First Aid**  
**Health and Safety**  
**Risk Assessment**  
**Safeguarding,**  
**Critical Incidents**  
**Curriculum**  
**Behaviour**

The policy also draws on the ROSPA guidance, “Planning and Leading Visits and Adventurous Activities”, which may be consulted for further information:

<http://www.rospace.com/rospaweb/docs/advice-services/school-college-safety/school-visits-guide.pdf>

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## Educational Visits Policy

This policy has due regard to the DfE Guidance, *Health and Safety Advice on Legal Duties and Powers for Local Authorities, Head Teachers, Staff and Governing Bodies* and *Guidance on the Requirements for Driving Minibuses*. It also draws on the previous guidance *Health and Safety of Pupils on Educational Visits* (HASPEV).

At Sherborne House School, we believe that learning outside the classroom is an essential component of our curriculum. It gives our pupils unique opportunities to develop their resourcefulness and initiative and to spend time together in an informed environment. Each trip is different. Some are directly related to the curriculum, some are designed to promote social awareness, or to enhance physical skills, self-reliance and team working. Others will extend their knowledge of the world. The common factor is that they all make an essential contribution to our pupils' development and education in the broadest sense of the word.

## 1. Basic Principles

### Responsibility

- The Head bears ultimate responsibility in ensuring staff meet the arrangements and follow the guidelines in this policy. The Deputy Head will hold the role of nominated contact in the event of an emergency, the school office will be the second nominated contact in the event of the Head being unavailable
- The Educational Visits Co-ordinator is responsible for the review of this policy and ensuring that staff are aware of its contents
- Teachers who plan a day or residential visit are designated as the group leader and, as such, have responsibility to make sure the visit is properly organised.
- The group leader is responsible for completing a full risk assessment of the trip. This must be approved by the Head and Educational Visits Co-ordinator before the trip can go ahead.
- Sherborne House School's *Behaviour Policy* applies to all pupils on off-site visits. The group leader is responsible for good behaviour on all visits.
- The group leader (organiser) will be responsible for co-ordinating and delegating tasks to all staff participating in the visit and sharing with them the details of the risk assessment.
- Staff accompanying children on visits will have appropriately designated responsibilities and a clear itinerary of events.
- The group leader will complete a visit evaluation form after the visit, reporting back to the Head and Educational Visits Co-ordinator, any problems/issues and particular successes. This evaluation must include an assessment of the effectiveness of the Risk Assessment, in order to inform future visits.

### Health and safety

- Safety is the prime consideration when planning or carrying out a school trip; all appropriate health & safety and child protection procedures must be followed.
- All risks will be assessed and reported prior to the event and any possible measures towards safety and welfare undertaken,
- Staffing will adhere to recommended supervisor: child ratios (see *Educational Visits Procedure Checklist* for details). The group leader will consider whether the nature of the activities requires the normal ratios to be exceeded.
- The staffing of every off-site visit must include an adult who has an appropriate first aid qualification. In the case of an off-site visit involving pupils in the EYFS, at least one accompanying adult will hold a current full paediatric first aid qualification.
- Appropriate first aid provision will be available at all stages of the trip.
- Teachers, assistants and volunteers accompanying school trips will be suitably record checked and appropriately trained in procedures.
- All transport arrangements and venues will be checked for suitability and safety beforehand.
- Risk assessments will be completed and approved for all aspects of the trip. At an age-appropriate level, pupils should be involved in the assessment and management of the risks for the trips in which they are involved.

## **Educational Value**

- For curricular visits, a clear aim and objective must be identified by the group leader and clearly communicated to the other accompanying adults and, as appropriate, the pupils.
- Visits are not taken in isolation. Pupils are well prepared for the visit and, subsequently, put the experience to good effect as a stimulus for work in class.
- When planning the consideration should be made to ensure that all pupils are able to participate in the trip, in accordance with the Equal Opportunities Policy

## **Parents and information**

- At the start of each academic year, or on a child's registration at the school, parents are asked to sign a consent form for their child to participate in off-site activities such as visits to local sports amenities, churches and for sports fixtures against other schools. Such events do not then require further parental consent, but are otherwise regulated by this policy. However, parents are entitled to information about where their children are during the school day. Therefore, information about an off-site visit should be available to parents, for example in the school calendar, on the website, in a newsletter or in a specific information letter about the trip.
- The exceptions to the procedure for parental consent, above, are when;
  - The trip is planned to extend beyond the normal start or end of the school day
  - The trip involves an overnight stay, overseas travel or any additional level of risk management
  - An additional charge is made to parents in relation to the cost of the trip
- Parents will be notified of the details of such school visits in advance and permission for any school trip must be received from parents/guardians in writing prior to the visit date. For trips which require a higher level of risk management, parents must be told where the children will be and of any extra safety measures required.
- Parents will be told specifically if a day visit is planned to involve a return to school after the end of the normal school day. If a trip is planned to return before the end of the school day but is subject to delays, the group leader will contact the Head or school office, who will pass on information to parents via iSams.
- Parents will be required to notify the trip leader of their child's special or medical needs, dietary requirements and of any other considerations affecting the welfare and safety of the child and of staff and other pupils.
- Parents are also asked to sign a consent form for emergency medical treatment.
- For residential visits and trips overseas, the school will hold an information meeting for parents and pupils at the early stages of planning. An information meeting may be held for other visits as appropriate.
- Pupils' emergency contact details, medical information and any other relevant information will be collected prior to the visit. This information will be taken on the visit.
- Costs for visits will be calculated in advance, in line with the school's budget
- Parents will be notified of the cost of the trip well in advance where this is not absorbed by the school. All trips must be paid for prior to departure. Sherborne House School will not make profit on any curricular-based visits.

## **2. Procedures for Organising an Educational Visit**

### **General Information**

Early planning is essential for any visit. Plans for residential visits and overseas trips are formulated well in advance. All off-site visits and activities must be approved by the Head, who is kept fully informed throughout the planning stages. Residential visits and trips overseas must be authorised by the Education Director, who must be kept informed of progress in planning to facilitate continued approval. Activities of an outdoor pursuit or adventure nature must be within the ability of the children participating and the accompanying staff.

### **Preliminary Planning**

An outline plan is presented to the Head for approval prior to more detailed plans being made. Once outline permission has been granted and any particular conditions set, one or more meetings of the proposed staff involved will be held to formalise the administration and organisation of the visit. The Risk assessment is discussed and specific duties, and the names of the pupils for whom each person is responsible, are identified if necessary. Discussions will take place with the Head about any other school events or trips which may be occurring at a similar time in order to establish a balance.

Once the trip is approved, parents will normally be informed and provided with as much information as is appropriate. Greater detail will be expected for trips overseas or involving overnight stays. The provision of information to parents will normally include the following, as appropriate:

- Information about accommodation
- Itinerary
- Emergency Contacts/Medical Forms
- Staffing/Grouping Details
- Personal Items/luggage and passport/visa requirements
- Insurance Details
- Finance Arrangements
- Spending Money
- Information about the coach company and any other transport arrangements

## **Insurance**

The Head will liaise with the Business Manager to check that insurance cover for all children and adults involved in visits is appropriate. Extra insurance cover may be needed for residential visits, trips abroad and any activities of a hazardous nature. If insurance cover is not provided by the commercial centre or Tour Company, it is arranged by the Business Manager/Head and added to the cost of the visit. All parties are provided with precise details of the insurance policy, so that there is no doubt about the cover and, in particular, what eventualities fall outside such cover. In the event the Head and Bursar are unsure if a trip is covered by normal school insurance provision, they should contact the Finance Department at Bellevue Education to establish if this is the case.

## **Preliminary Visit**

Except in the case of repeated visits, an exploratory visit by the group leader or another designated member of the accompanying staff is usually made. In the case of repeat visits, the group leader should contact the venue(s) to establish that there have been no significant changes to the premises or arrangements, which may affect the organisation of the visit. The group leader should also consult the risk assessment and its evaluation from the previous visit to ascertain what lessons, if any, can be learnt to improve risk management.

A preliminary visit should establish at first hand:

- that the venue is suitable
- that the venue can cater for the needs of pupils and staff
- an assessment of potential areas and levels of risk, completing Risk Assessment with details being given to the Head. This will incorporate any risk assessment provided by the venue/tour operator
- familiarity with the area before taking the children
- information concerning venue staff qualifications, if not already known
- suitable checking of staff at the venue to ensure that they are suitable to work with children.
- Reconnaissance of the venue is to assist in planning, for example in relation to specific risks, parking, toilets, venue for a packed lunch, management of access to the souvenir shop etc.

In certain circumstances, for example when all the activities are run by the centre's own staff, to whom the risks and area are well known, a preliminary visit is not always necessary. Nevertheless, a visit may be needed to establish such matters as a safe place for a picnic lunch, the safe use of toilet facilities, distances to walk from car parks etc.

If it is not possible to make a preliminary visit, every endeavour must be made to acquire information about the accommodation and the area, before the visit.

If a preliminary visit has not taken place, as a matter of priority when the party arrives, a member of staff inspects the facilities and accommodation and any areas where there might be dangers or potential hazards. Where necessary, risk assessments are then reassessed.

## **Staffing**

Pupil to staff ratios for school trips are not prescribed in law. Those planning trips, on the basis of risk assessment, should decide the ratios, taking into account the activity to be undertaken and the age and maturity of the pupils. Responsibility lies with the Head to judge whether appropriate factors have been taken into account and ratios

calculated accordingly. The group leader will liaise with the Head/ Business Manager to ensure that the adult:pupil ratios for the visit are appropriate. These will take account of:

- Appropriate legislation, including statutory ratios for EYFS
- The ages, gender and ability of the children involved
- The number of pupils involved
- Pupils' special or medical needs
- Pupils' previous experiences of being away from school/home and of the activities involved
- The degree of responsibility and discipline shown by the group
- The type of visit and whether the nature of the activity and/or the pupils involved require the ratio to be exceeded.
- The level of risk
- The location and travel arrangements
- The session time and day
- The experience, training and quality of the staff and other adults available (e.g. if swimming is involved should one of the adults in attendance be a qualified lifesaver?).
- Requirements of the organisation or location to be visited
- The availability of a qualified First Aider
- The past experience of organising visits of the same or similar nature

If the pupils have special educational needs, there should be a higher staff/adult to pupil ratio as an extremely high level of care and wider safety margins are necessary.

The list above is based on the ROSPA guidance "Planning and Leading Visits and Adventurous Activities"

#### **Adult:child ratios for excursions**

Normal minimum guidelines, as a starting point to take into consideration the bulleted list above are in the table below.

#### **EYFS minimum requirements and basic guidelines for other age groups**

<b>Ages</b>	<b>Ratios</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Children under 2	1 adult:3 children	Refer to EYFS framework for associated qualifications requirements
2 to 3 year olds	1 adult:4 children	
3 to 4 year olds	1 adult:6-8 children	Refer to EYFS framework for associated qualifications requirements This is the minimum requirement if the children are not with a qualified teacher. Nevertheless, given the age of the children, it is likely that a risk assessment would determine a stronger ratio for an off-site visit.
Reception	1 adult:6-8 children	
Year 1	1 adult:6-8 children	
Years 2-3	1 adult:8-10 children	
Years 4-6	1 adult:10-15 children	
Year 7 and above	1 adult:15-20 children	
Trips abroad	1 adult:8 children	Unless a stronger ratio is determined by the age groups above

In normal circumstances, all adults accompanying a visit will have enhanced DBS clearance. If an adult does not have such clearance, his or her participation must be approved by the Head following a risk assessment. In such situations, the group leader must make necessary arrangements so that the adult does not have any unsupervised access to the children. In all trips involving an overnight stay all adults must have enhanced DBS clearance. An overnight stay is defined as extending into the hours between 2am and 6am. Any adult on a trip with EYFS children who does not have enhanced clearance must not be unsupervised with the children and must not engage in personal care.

For visits which involve children working with staff at another venue or organisation, the group leader must obtain written confirmation from the organisation that it has undertaken all appropriate checks on its staff and that they are appropriately qualified and suitable to work with children. The centre may make a statement to this effect in its publicity materials.

When planning an activity involving caving, climbing, trekking, skiing or water sports, the group leader must check that the provider holds a licence as required by the Adventure Activities Licensing Regulations 2004 (for England, Scotland and Wales). In relation to adventure activities, the ROSPA guidance

On trips involving both boys and girls, the staff must include both men and women. The Headteacher has the discretion to waive this requirement in the case of the youngest pupils, depending on the nature of the trip. Staffing must be appropriate, in terms of ratios and qualifications, to cope with any child on the trip with special or individual medical needs.

The group leader should liaise with the Head to discuss cover arrangements back at school as necessary for all adults involved in the visit; classes to be covered in the absence of staff, work set, duties needing cover etc.

### **Financial Arrangements**

Records of all payments by individual pupils are kept by the leader and Business Manager. At the Business Manager's discretion, residential visit payments may be made in stages. All payments should be made by cheque or bank transfer. Payment by the school in advance for trip costs will be made by the Business Manager. For payments and other sundry expenses during the visit, including, if appropriate, issuing of pocket money, the group leader should make appropriate arrangements with the Business Manager. Similarly the group leader should liaise with the Business Manager when foreign currency is required. The group leader must ensure maximum security for money, passports and other valuable documents before and throughout the visit.

### **Calculating Costs**

Factors to be taken into account in calculating the cost of the trip include:

- travel, transport and parking
- entrance fees for staff and pupils
- hire of equipment (for activities)
- insurance
- preliminary visits
- extra staffing and supply cover at school
- meals
- materials
- rewards, incentives, prizes for pupils' work, conduct etc.
- spending money
- contingency fund

### **Further Liaison with Parents**

Except for routine off-site activities with a low level of risk, such as walking to the church for a carol service rehearsal, or a weekly trip to local sports facilities, it is imperative that parents are given full and complete written details regarding the organisation and administration of a visit. This will normally include:

- activities and venues
- specialist equipment and/or clothing necessary for activities
- packed meal requirements
- teachers/leaders, their experience and expertise when required
- total costs and methods for payment
- insurance cover, including medical cover and exemptions
- passport requirements, if any

A signed parental medical consent form must be obtained for each participating pupil, agreeing to emergency treatment and medication to be given if needed and for staff to act in loco parentis.



## **Pupil Behaviour and Supervision**

The group leader has responsibility for the good conduct of pupils on the trip. All accompanying adults have a duty of care. Teachers should be briefed that they are in loco parentis at all times on the visit and thus are legally responsible for the well-being and safety of the children and also for their behaviour, which should be impeccable at all times.

Children should never be on their own, but always remain in a group, and must be supervised by an adult at all times. Groups and their leaders should be decided in advance and well publicised.

On residential visits, close supervision of the pupils in the hostel, centre or hotel during the night must be maintained. Adults' rooms must be located in close proximity to the children's rooms. Staff should be allocated "on call" responsibilities on a rota basis and those adults should refrain from the consumption of alcohol in order to be able to perform their duties properly in the case of an emergency.

## **Homestays and host families**

The school may make arrangements for children to stay with host families, either in the UK or abroad, for example, as part of an exchange visit or sports tour. Such activities can benefit learning across a range of subjects. In particular, foreign visits can enrich the Languages curriculum and provide exciting opportunities for pupils to develop their confidence and expertise in the use of other languages. In such circumstances, the school must be mindful of its duty to safeguard children and promote their welfare. The school must consider how best to minimise the risk of harm to children involved in such a homestay arrangement. KCSIE 2023 notes that, where a school organises for children to stay in homestays, the adults taking responsibility for hosting the children will be in regulated activity and the school has a responsibility, as provider, to undertake DBS checks with barred list information. This applies both to the school's own pupils for whom it arranges homestays and also to visiting pupils on an exchange, for example, hosted by the school's own parents. If the homestay is organised by the child's parents, this would be a private arrangement and the school is not the regulated activity provider, so does not need to conduct DBS checks. The school is free to make its own assessment as to whether other persons over 16 living in the household where the child is being hosted should be checked.

It is not possible for the school to obtain criminality information from the DBS about adults who provide homestays abroad. In these circumstances, the school must liaise with the partner school abroad to establish a shared understanding of, and agreement to the arrangements in place for the visit. The staff responsible must use professional judgement to satisfy themselves that arrangements are sufficient to safeguard effectively every child involved. The school is free to decide whether it is necessary to contact the relevant foreign embassy or High Commission of the country in question to discuss what checks may be possible in respect of those providing homestay outside of the UK.

For further information, refer to Annex D and E of KCSIE 2023.

## **Risk Assessments**

The school's arrangements for risk assessments on off-site visits are as follows:

For the peace of mind of all staff involved, and that of the school management, trips and visits will only be approved after an assessment of the risks involved has been carried out.

Risk assessment is the normal day to day activity which we undertake without conscious effort, such as crossing roads, driving etc. The risk assessment forms enable the group leader to apply the same thought processes to the trip being planned. What is required is an understanding of the potential risks involved and the actions required to minimise those risks. Completing the forms will better enable the school to safeguard the children, thus giving the group leader peace of mind. If you, as group leader, feel unsure about anything, please ask. Training is provided to staff who organise visits, both at induction and subsequently, often initially in a "mentoring" capacity, to enable them to prepare effective risk assessments for the trips they organise.

The group leader will prepare written risk assessments for individual visits and activities. The given proforma, and the bank of risk assessments for repeated activities (travelling by public transport, crossing the road, escorting children along a footpath at a roadside etc.) are available from the school office should help group leaders to consider the 'risk factor and plan contingency measures to prevent or deal with such eventualities. (Where necessary, staff training will be provided). Staff should also refer to the school's risk assessment policy.

Final authorisation for each visit will be made by the Headteacher and only then if he is satisfied that an adequate risk assessment has been carried out.

In order that the safety of pupils and staff can be as thorough as possible, the following time scales must be adhered to.

**At least 1 week prior to the trip;** Risk Assessments, including those from the place to be visited, handed to Educational Visits Coordinator with a completed Off Site Visits Form, list of pupils involved, details of any particular requirements for pupils with special or medical needs, parental consent forms and all letters sent to parents. This will form part of the information file detailed under "information and final arrangements" below.

In the event of consent forms not being returned by the specified time, the pupil will not be allowed to travel.

**At least 2 full days before the trip;** The risk assessments and forms noted above, having been checked and signed by the Educational Visits Coordinator should be copied for the staff on the trip and the school office.

In the case of residential visits and trips taking place outside term time, these should also be copied to the nominated contact at school (if this is not the Head). Staff on the trip (excluding the Leader who should be in possession of them all) need only the consent forms of the children in their care for the trip.

It is the responsibility of the group leader to check that all the consent forms and medical details for each child have been successfully collected by the deadline. It is the responsibility of the Head to give final consent to the trip going ahead after reading the Risk Assessment.

If there are any worries or uncertainties, the group leader should always ask the Head, Educational Visits Coordinator or Business Manager for help.

### **Information and final arrangements**

Final details of the visit, including the final version of the risk assessment, must be submitted to the Headteacher and Educational Visits Coordinator for approval one week before the visit. This information will be retained for future reference. The group leader holds the same information for the duration of the visit and checks immediately prior to departure for any late changes, for example due to pupil illness or absence. Such changes are noted and an amended copy submitted to the Head. As a minimum, the information should include details of:

- itinerary
- contact points
- pupils' and staff emergency contacts
- contact information for staff while on the trip
- copies of Parental Medical Consent Forms
- specific information about any children with individual special or medical needs, including their medical plans as appropriate
- copies of any insurance documents, contracts, etc
- emergency procedures, including the school's critical incident policy
- risk assessments

### **Special Educational Needs & Disability**

The Head and Educational Visits Coordinator will ensure that all reasonably practicable efforts have been made during the course of risk assessment to include disabled pupils in educational visits. This will usually entail discussion with the pupil, parents, group leader and other supervisors, the manager of the venue to be visited, the tour operator etc. For further information please refer to the Equal Opportunities and SEND policies.

### **Ongoing Risk Assessments and Reassessments**

The group leader, or other adults with responsibility, should reassess risks while the visit is taking place. Ongoing risk assessments normally consist of judgements and decisions made as the need arises. They should be informed by the site specific risk assessments and take account of local expertise on: e.g. tides, potential for flooding etc. They are not usually recorded until after the visit and should be reviewed to inform future planning. Examples of the need for ongoing risk assessment:

- Changing weather, tiredness or illness within the group, behaviour, issues with other groups at the same venue etc. Control measures may include deciding to change to the pre-assessed plan B or swapping activities on the itinerary so that the activity can be carried out on a different day
- Emergencies. Control measures would include establishing the nature and extent of the emergency as quickly as possible; ensuring that all the group are safe and looked after; establishing whether anyone has been hurt and getting immediate medical attention for them; ensuring that all group members who need to know are aware of the incident and that all group members are following the emergency procedures; ensuring that if a teacher accompanies casualties to hospital, the rest of the group are adequately supervised at all times and kept together; and informing the emergency contact in the school
- Group leaders are always in charge. They should trust their own knowledge of pupils and use their own professional judgement. This may include challenging an activity leader where the group leader's knowledge of the group is superior, or intervening to prompt a change of plan, including stopping an activity if it has become too hazardous

### **3. On Departure and During the Visit**

#### **Communication**

The group leader must take a working mobile phone (usually a school mobile phone) and must ensure that the school has all the necessary contact information for each stage of the trip.

In advance of the trip, pupils should be given clear safety instructions based upon the nature of the activities and the associated risks.

#### **First Aid**

All accompanying adults must be familiar with the school's first aid and medication policy, a copy of which should be included in the group leader's information file.

On departure the group leader must collect the First Aid kit(s) for school visits from the Business Manager. This must be returned to the Business Manager after the visit together with details of any items used.

The group leader must also ensure that any special medical equipment or medication to meet individual pupil needs, such as inhalers, Epi-pens, etc, are taken on the trip. Where specialist knowledge or training is required for the administration of medication, the staffing of the trip must ensure that this expertise is available.

The regulations for the reporting of accidents (RIDDOR) apply to educational visits and can be found in the school's first aid and medication policy. Other accidents which may occur, but which fall short of the threshold for RIDDOR reporting, must be reported and recorded in accordance with the school's normal procedures.

When the trip involves the use of a venue which provides first aid facilities, the group leader must ensure that all adults are aware of the arrangements and the location of first aid points.

In the event of a minor incident

- organise first aid treatment so that a member of staff stays with the pupil
- call for help if necessary
- see that the remainder of the group is safe
- telephone the nominated school contact number

## **Transport**

It is the school's policy that only coaches with seat belts are booked. Vehicles used should comply with the current requirements on seat belts. All seats should be forward facing and seat restraints should comply with legal requirements. Occasionally a trip may be organised to a country where legislation does not require coaches to be fitted with seatbelts and such a coach may not be available. In such circumstances the group leader must endeavour to book a coach fitted with seat belts and must do everything possible to ensure the safety of staff and pupils. Parents must be made aware of such circumstances.

## **Supervision on Transport**

- At least two members of staff should supervise the pupils getting on and off the coach – one on the coach and one by the steps.
- A roll call must be taken at regular intervals, including each occasion when pupils embark and disembark.
- Pupils should not sit on the first two seats facing the front window or next to the emergency exit.
- Staff should sit at intervals spaced through the coach to ensure proper supervision
- All pupils must be settled before setting off and must wear their seat belts throughout the journey, unless told to remove them in an emergency.
- The group leader should delegate an adult to check for lost property and litter when the group leaves the coach.
- At least one qualified teacher should be on each coach or minibus and have a mobile phone with them.

## **Other Transport:**

- If school staff use their own cars to transport children they must have appropriate car insurance. Staff concerned must liaise with the Business Manager to establish whether such transportation is covered by the school's or their own insurance. If the latter, documentary proof must be provided to the Business Manager. Specific written permission must be obtained from parents. Other than in exceptional circumstances, a teacher should never use his or her own car to transport a single pupil. Any staff use of their own cars must be consistent with the safeguarding policy and, in particular, the staff code of conduct.
- If parents are transporting children, their cars should be fully insured; relevant legislation relating to pupils sitting in the front and the use of booster seats must be followed. Seatbelts must be worn. Specific written permission must be obtained from parents and documentary proof of insurance must be provided to the bursar.
- Parents should be fully informed of the time and place to collect the children.
- A staff mobile phone should be taken to the event in case of emergency.
- It is the responsibility of the group leader to look after pupils not collected after a visit. The pupils must not be left unsupervised and appropriate efforts should be made to contact parents if no information has been received about their late arrival. Reference should be made to the school's policy for the failure of a parent to collect a child.
- For transport by other means (train, ferry, aeroplane etc.) detailed risk assessments must be included in the overall risk assessment for the trip.
- Further information and a link to the DfE guidance on requirements for driving minibuses can be found in the health and safety policy.

## **Emergencies**

Despite the best planning and organisation, emergencies that require immediate response by the leaders sometimes occur. Whilst still controlling and supervising the rest of the group, leaders should contact the appropriate emergency/rescue service immediately. The Headteacher and Educational Visits Coordinator should be contacted as soon as possible.

## **Emergency Procedures**

If an accident or other emergency occurs, the group leader or supervisor should do the following:

1. Assess the situation.
2. Safeguard the uninjured members of the group.
3. If there are injuries, establish immediately the names of the injured people and the extent of their injuries.
4. Attend to the casualty/ies, liaising with the group's trained first aider.
5. Inform the emergency services, and everyone who needs to know, about the accident.
6. Follow the school's first aid and medication policy as appropriate including, when possible, the procedures for recording the accident and contacting parents.
7. Notify the police if necessary.
8. Share the problem; advise all other group staff that the accident/emergency procedure is in operation. Make sure every member of the group is accounted for.
9. Ensure that the injured are accompanied to hospital, preferably by an adult whom they know.
10. Ensure that the rest of the group understands what has happened, is adequately supervised and kept together.
11. Inform Headteacher and Educational Visits Coordinator and pass on all the details, including names of casualties, their injuries, action taken and names of others involved. If abroad, contact the British Embassy/Consulate, if advisable.
12. Notify insurers, especially if medical assistance is required.
13. Notify tour operator.
14. Ascertain telephone number for future calls.
15. As soon as possible, write down accurately relevant facts and witness details.
16. Preserve any vital evidence.
17. Keep a written account of subsequent events, times and contacts after the incident.
18. Complete accident forms.
19. No-one in the group should speak to the media. All media enquiries should be politely referred to the Headteacher.
20. No-one in the group should discuss legal liabilities with other parties.
21. As soon as possible, liaise with the school's appointed lead first aider to fulfil the school's legal requirements in relation to reporting of accidents (RIDDOR).
22. Refer also to the Critical Incident Policy, which should be included in the documentation taken on the trip.

#### **4. After the Visit**

After the visit the group leader must complete a visit evaluation form, which is submitted to the Headteacher and Educational Visits Coordinator. The views of other adults accompanying the visit should be taken into account. This should identify any area for improvement, including the guidance on organising trips, and should also highlight the successes of the trip.

The risk assessment for the visit should be reviewed to enable any necessary improvements to be made for future visits. Where relevant, the experience of the trip should be used to improve the school's bank of generic risk assessments.

It is expected that the majority of trips are organised to stimulate and motivate pupils in aspects of the curriculum. Follow-up classwork should therefore be undertaken.

It may also be appropriate to organise an assembly or a meeting for parents after the trip enabling the pupils to share their experiences and their follow-up work and for photography and video footage to be displayed.

## **EDUCATIONAL VISITS CHECKLIST/INFORMATION**

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE TRIP LEADER AND COPIES GIVEN TO THE EVC, DEPUTY HEAD AND THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

1	Discuss clear purpose and objectives of educational visit/residential trip with Educational Visits Co-ordinator (EVC)	
2	Gain permission from the Head Teacher and then carry out Pre visit Risk Assessment. The trip leader must complete risks assessments for every stage of the visit. A Risk Assessment should be completed and given to the EVC and DH for checking and approval.	
3	Give coach information to school office for booking inc, venue, date, times, number of seats required and any special requests.	
4	Inform the relevant class teacher/s.	
5	Enter trip in the School Diary	
6	Costs, Risk Assessment and application approved by the Head Teacher with the Business Manager and, if necessary, inform Parents of any extra charges.	
7	Check with the EVC/Business Manager that the nature of the visit falls within the scope of the School's insurance.	
8a	Parental permission should have been granted when parents fill in a start of year Emergency/Information sheet, which includes medical details, insurance etc. Please check these for all children. (Trips that fall into this category do not need specific parental permission; trips outside these parameters require specific permission).	
8b	Where specific parental permissions are required, these are to be obtained through use of Google forms. Liaise with Admin Team to provide a draft letter to be used and agree date for responses, follow ups, etc.	
9	For new, or not recently used, venues complete a pre-trip risk assessment visit (where practical).	
10	Inform Parents of the trip and organisational details. If the visit includes an overnight stay, parents must receive a full briefing pack and, where possible, a presentation from the trip leader and/or external leader.	
11	Ensure that all proper means of transport have been catered for – book in advance with as much notice as possible.	
12	Discuss appropriate staffing with the EVC (and DH where necessary), with regards to appropriate staff ratios and DBS checks. Ensure that a qualified First Aider is on the trip; qualified paediatric First Aider for EYFS trips. Male and female staff required for residential trips involving both boys and girls wherever possible. All adults accompanying the trip must have enhanced DBS clearance; any parent volunteers without clearance must be supervised and included in the risk assessment.	
13	For visits which involve children working with staff at another venue or organisation, the group leader must obtain written confirmation from the organisation that it has undertaken all appropriate checks on its staff and that they are appropriately qualified and suitable to work with children. The centre may make a statement to this effect in its publicity materials.	
14	Inform accompanying staff and parent helpers of details of the trip - all adults must have read and understood the risk assessment.	
15	The dates, timings and staffing of the trip must be recorded and given to the Deputy Head and EVC with as much notice as possible – at the latest four weeks before; teaching cover must be arranged.	

16	Make sure staff on the trip have covered any duties and made arrangements for missed activities.	
17	Provide all staff/adult helpers with a hard copy of the risk assessment and any grouping details etc.	
18	Brief the pupils on the purpose of the trip, expectations of behaviour, and ensure that each pupil knows which adult is responsible for them	
19	Give the School Office: the itinerary, contact telephone numbers and addresses, a list of all the group members, copies of medical forms (overnight visits only), contact names, addresses and telephone numbers of parents and next of kin, and copies of any appropriate contracts or other relevant documents.	
20	Prepare a hard copy of the above to be taken on the trip.	
21	Prepare all relevant first aid equipment and, if needed, individual child needs including Epipens etc. – name a designated adult on the trip to be in charge of first aid equipment.	
22a	Ensure that you have all family contact details in case of an accident or other emergency.	
22b	Ensure you obtain from Admin team emergency contact details for staff members on trip including medical conditions the trip leader should be aware of.	
23	Arrange a float to ensure you have enough money to cover any entry costs and emergency – liaise with the Business Manager.	
24a	Book a school mobile to take – with enough notice to ensure it is charged (or clearly identify your own mobile number on communication to Parents and in the emergency details).	
24b	Staff to ensure they take the schools critical incident policy with them on the school trip. As well as all party leaders and members of staff in charge of activities have an emergency number to use that is not the school, this Lakewood 023 8024 0962	
25	Collect in passports, ID cards, residency cards and any visas needed if the trip is leaving the UK.	
26	Ensure the kitchens are informed that children will not be present for lunch and that sufficient packed lunches have been prepared, including specific dietary requirements.	
27a	Once the trip has been completed, an evaluation must be completed and given to the EVC and Head. Normal minimum staff:pupil ratios 1 adult to every 4 pre-reception children aged 3-4 1 adult for every 6-8 pupils in school Years R*-1 (including 4 year olds) 1 adult to every 8-10 pupils for Year 2-3 1 adult to every 10-15 pupils for Year 4-6 1 adult to every 8 pupils	
27b	All paperwork containing pupil or staff data MUST be returned to the Admin team for disposal as required by General Data Protection Regulation	

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE EVC AND THE OFFICE AT LEAST 2 WEEKS BEFORE TRIP  
– UPDATE PRIOR TO TRIP AND TAKE WITH YOU**

Pre Visit Educational Risk Assessment

Sherborne House School			
<b>Risk Assessment for:</b>			
<b>Completed by:</b>		<b>Ref No:</b>	
<b>Date completed:</b>		<b>Review date:</b>	

Identified Risk	Persons at Risk	Initial level of Risk High/Med/Low	Risk Reduction Measures	Revised Level of Risk High/Med/Low
Travel (consider walking or coach travel)				
Safeguarding and Welfare (consider assembly points, children have access to general public, toileting and care arrangements)				
First Aid Provision (Identify person in charge of first aid and the provision for the trip)				
Children with Medical Needs (Identify children with specific medical needs including inhaler, epi-pens)				
Special or other Additional Needs Including behaviour (also include children unable to take part in trip activities)				
Site issues				



(consider vehicle movement, steps)				
Fire Procedure (Obtain copy of venue's fire procedures and consider what procedures we will implement)				
Activities at site (obtain RA's venue to be visited and provide additional assessment specific to our children and other activities not covered)				

NOTE WELL:

- The risk is LOW - if it is most unlikely that harm would arise under the controlled conditions listed, and even if exposure occurred, the injury would be relatively slight.
- The risk is MEDIUM - if it is more likely that harm might actually occur and the outcome could be more serious (eg some time off work or school, or a minor physical injury).
- The risk is HIGH - if injury is likely to arise (eg there have been previous incidents, the situation looks like an accident waiting to happen) and that injury might be serious (broken bones, trip to the hospital, loss of consciousness), or even a fatality.

### EDUCATIONAL VISITS APPLICATION

Class/Year Group:	Proposed no. of pupils -	Actual no. of pupils -
Leader:		
Carried out Risk Assessment and completed annex Educational Visits Risk Assessment		
Date:		
Staff who carried our RA:		
Staffing for trip:		
Purpose of visit and educational objectives:		
Places to be visited:		
Date and Time of departure/return		
Lunch Details:		
Transport Arrangements:		
Name and Telephone number of organising company/agency:		
Proposed cost and financial arrangement:		
Accommodation to be used if applicable (Name/Address/Telephone/Contact:		
Details of the programme of activities:		
Details of any hazardous activities and the associated planning, organisation and RA		
Teacher/Pupil Ratio:		
Details of any pupil with special/medical needs:		
Any other information I should know:		
Signed:		Date:

**CONFIRMATION – Completed by the Educational Visit Co-ordinator and Head Teacher**

To the group leader

I have reviewed the risk assessment and trip application and I am satisfied with all aspects including the planning, organisation and staffing of this visit.

Please ensure that the Educational Visits Checklist is followed and completed before the trip. Your report and evaluation of the visit including details of any incidents should be with me as soon as possible but no later than 14 days after the party returns.

Signed:

Date:

Mark Blissett – EVC

*A copy of the completed application form and details of any subsequent changes should be retained by the Head Teacher*

**CONFIRMATION – Completed by the Educational Visit Co-ordinator and Head Teacher**

To the group leader

I have reviewed the risk assessment and trip application and I am satisfied with all aspects including the planning, organisation and staffing of this visit.

Signed:

Date:

Mark Beach – Head Teacher

*A copy of the completed application form and details of any subsequent changes should be retained by the Head Teacher*

<b><u>Residential Only : Parental Consent Form/Emergency Information</u></b>	
<b>SHERBORNE HOUSE SCHOOL</b>	
<b>RESIDENTIAL AT:</b>	
Child's Surname:	Forename:
Date of birth:	
Address:	
Home telephone number:	
Mobile telephone number:	
Father's name:	Work tel:
Mother's name:	Work tel:
Alternative Emergency Contact Telephone Number:	
Name/Relationship to pupil:	
Doctor's name:	Doctor's tel:
Doctor's address:	
Address and phone number at which either mother or father will be staying during the period, (if different from that above):	
Is your child allergic to any kinds of medicines or any other allergies? YES / NO	
If so, please give details:	
When did you child last have a tetanus injection?	
Is your child taking any course of drugs / medicines? YES / NO	
If the medication is required on the trip, please give details using annex 'Request for the school to administer medication'.	
Do staff have your permission to administer calpol/piriton/anti-histamine cream etc if there is a minor illness? YES/NO	
Any specific dietary information/needs:	

I give permission for my child to be used in photographs for the Web site or the Friday note: YES / NO	
If any medical issues have arisen since the completion of this form I agree to inform the party leader as soon as possible.	
I agree to my son/daughter taking part in the visit. I acknowledge the need for him/her to behave responsibly	
Parents Signature:	Date:

<b>SHERBORNE HOUSE SCHOOL</b>
<b>RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO:</b>
<b>DATE:</b>
<b>PARTY LEADER:</b>
<b>'IN LOCO PARENTIS'</b>
<b>EMERGENCY HOSPITALISATION OR TREATMENT</b>
<b>FROM A GENERAL PRACTITIONER</b>
<p>In the unlikely event of an emergency, it may be necessary for your child to receive either hospital treatment or treatment from a General Practitioner. I would like your consent that you will allow the teachers concerned to act 'in loco parentis' should your child urgently require an emergency operation or setting of a broken arm, leg etc. You can rest assured that you will be informed as soon as possible should any treatment be necessary.</p> <p>I agree to my child receiving medication and to any emergency dental, medical or surgical treatment, including anaesthetic or blood transfusion, as considered necessary by the medical authorities present. I understand the extent of the insurance cover provided.</p>
<b>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT</b>
I / We agree to the teachers on the trip acting 'in Loco Parentis' should my child need urgent treatment for injuries/illness, by a General Practitioner, Dentist or more seriously by a Hospital.
Signed: _____ Parents/Guardians  Relationship to pupil: _____
Date _____

Child's Name	Class
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# REQUEST FOR THE SCHOOL TO ADMINISTER MEDICATION

(Only to be filled out if your child is requiring regular or occasional medication)

Pupil's First Names.....

Pupil's Family name .....

Pupils Date of Birth.....

Condition or Illness.....

Pupil's GP Name.....

GP's Phone Number.....

## Medication to be given

Name of Medicine .....Dosage.....

Please continue overleaf if required.

Following Times of Day (if to be given regularly).....

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Or as needed for the specific relief of.....

Frequency.....

Please state any known side effects .....

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Are there any precautions that should be taken prior to the medication being given, (e.g. should the medicine be taken with food etc?).....

The above medication has been prescribed by my child's:

Family Doctor / Hospital Consultant / Supplied by me for exclusive use by my child (please delete as appropriate).

**Children who are Epipen users or who carry inhalers must show the person in charge of medicines the medication they are carrying on arrival for the trip.**

## DECLARATION

I have ensured that the medication is clearly labelled indicating contents, dosage and the child's name in FULL. I understand that on arrival at school I must hand all medication in to the teacher in charge of medicines for the trip.

Parent's name .....Signature .....

# Consent Form For Swimming Activities or Activities Where Being Able To Swim Is Essential

	Yes	No
Is your child able to swim 50 metres?		
Is your child water confident in a pool?		
Is your child confident in the sea or in open inland water?		
Is your child safety conscious in water?		

I would like.....(name) to take part in the specified visit and having read the information provided, I agree to him/her taking part in the activities described.

I agree that he/she is capable of **river based swimming** as part of the raft building activity.

I consent to any emergency medical treatment required by my child during the course of the visit.

I confirm that my child is in good health and I consider him/her fit to participate.

Signed.....

Date.....

Full name of parent/guardian.....

Telephone numbers:

Home.....

Work.....

My home address is:.....

.....

Name, address and telephone number of family doctor.....

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Checklist for Pupils (Shared by Group Leader with children prior to visit).



Class:	Place of visit:
Date of visit: Aims and Objectives of Visit:	
Who is the Group Leader?	Which teachers are attending?
Where am I going to visit? (Basic background info)	
How can I contact my group leader? What do I do if I am lost?	
How do I use the phone if I need help? How do I avoid specific dangers?	
What will be done to keep me safe and secure during the visit?	
What is the code of conduct for the visit? Why should they follow rules?	
What do I do to keep my money and valuables safe?	
<b>For Residential Visits and Exchanges:</b>	
The address and telephone number(s) of the place(s) where I shall be staying:	
How I should behave (house rules):	
How I should behave on the journey/ferry/coach?  Why safety precautions are in place?  Where I am to sleep and how I am to dress?	

Name of Pupil:.....Date of Birth:.....Age:.....

Relationship to pupil .....

**Pupil's Administration of Routine Medication**

1	MEDICATION		WEEKDAY	DATE	TIME	DOSE	SIGNATURE x 2
	Name of Medication		Monday				
	Reason for administration  Specific Details		Tuesday				
			Wednesday				
			Thursday				
	Dose	Route e.g. by mouth etc.	Friday				
2	Name of Medication		Monday				
	Reason for administration  Specific Details		Tuesday				
			Wednesday				
			Thursday				
	Dose	Route e.g. by mouth etc.	Friday				

## Accident Report for Trips

### REPORT OF AN ACCIDENT

#### PART A – ABOUT THE INCIDENT

Date of incident.....	Time of incident ..... am/pm
Did the incident occur at school Yes/No	
If Yes, which department/room/place/site did the incident occur .....	
If No, where did the incident occur (include address and details) .....	
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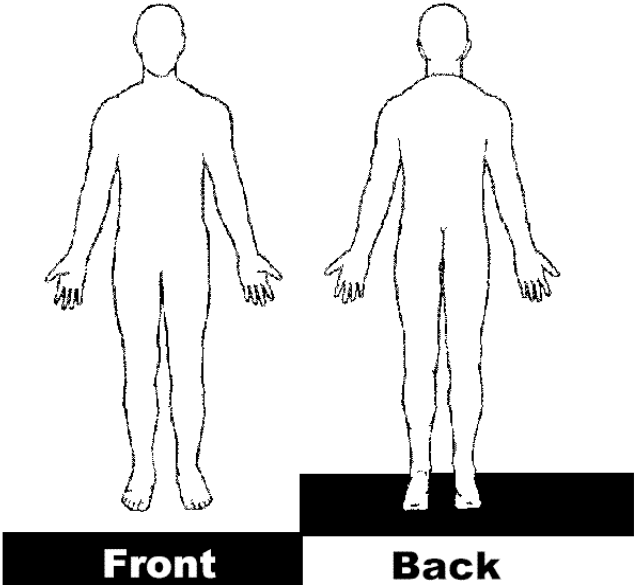
#### PART B - ABOUT YOU

Your full name .....	Department.....
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#### PART C – ABOUT THE INJURED PERSON

Full Name of injured person .....	Form .....	Male/Female
Is the injured person:		
<input type="checkbox"/> An employee	<input type="checkbox"/> A member of public	
<input type="checkbox"/> A student	<input type="checkbox"/> On training scheme	
<input type="checkbox"/> On work experience	<input type="checkbox"/> Employed by someone else (attach details)	
Was the injured person taken to hospital Yes/No		
If Yes, please state which hospital.....		
<input type="checkbox"/> Immediately?	<input type="checkbox"/> At a later date? When? .....	
Seen by a doctor Yes/No If Yes please state which doctor .....		
<input type="checkbox"/> Immediately?	<input type="checkbox"/> At a later date? When? .....	

#### PART D – ABOUT THE INJURY

<p>Description of the injury should be detailed. Include left/right, front/back, location, size; whether it is a graze, a bump or a cut, bruise etc. Take into account other factors such as pallor of skin, breathlessness, pulse, blurred vision, slurred speech, clammy skin, and temperature (hot/cold)</p>	<p>What part of the body was injured (see picture, clearly mark with an X)</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>
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IF THE INJURED PERSON GOES TO HOSPITAL FROM SCHOOL THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MUST ACCOMPANY THEM: NAME, DOB, DR.'S NAME, MEDICAL INFO, AND PARENT CONTACT NUMBERS.

**PART E – ABOUT THE ACCIDENT**

Describe what happened – Give as much detail as you can for example, the events that led up to the incident, the part played by any other people, any substance or machinery involved. Please attach another sheet if necessary.

Please state names of any witnesses .....

**PART F – ABOUT THE TREATMENT GIVEN**

Red Head bump note issued? Yes / No

Signature if different from person in PART B ..... Date .....

**PART G – OUTCOME & FOLLOW UP**

Date .....
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**PART H – SIGNATURE**

Signature Person Part B	
Signature Parent	
Signature Headteacher	

**PART I- REPORTABLE INSTANCES (RIDDOR)**

<p>Was this a reportable instance    Y    N</p> <p>Has the instance been reported to HSE with regard to RIDDOR ?    Y    N</p> <p>If Yes please insert the relevant incident report number,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Date .....</p>
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**Near Miss Reporting Form Page 1 of 2**

In the event of near miss this form needs to be completed and a copy submitted to the Head Teacher and the EVC. This is important as may be needed for future reference.

Name of School:	Sherborne House School
Address of School:	Lakewood Road Chandler's Ford Hampshire SO53 1EU
School Telephone:	023 80 252440
School email:	<a href="mailto:info@sherbornehouse.co.uk">info@sherbornehouse.co.uk</a>
Head teacher:	

Name of person(s) involved:	
Address of person involved:	
Telephone/contact details:	

Name of Parents (if pupil):	
Form Tutor/Class Teacher:	
Date of near miss:	
Time of near miss:	
Location of near miss:	
Details of near miss:  Include the full names of anyone involved. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary	
Contact details of any witnesses.  Name:  Address:  Telephone:	

<b>Give details of all action taken:</b> (continue on separate sheet if necessary)

Date.....

Signed..... (Person completing the report)

Signed..... (Head teacher)

Signed..... (EVC)

### Evaluation of Visits for Future Reference

Visit to:	
School/Group:	
Group Leader:	
Number in Group:	Boys:      Girls:      Supervisors:
Date(s) of visit:	
Venue:	
Commercial Organisation:	

**Comment on the following:**

	Rating out of 10	Comment
The Centre's pre-visit organisation:		
Travel arrangements:		
Content of education programme provided:		
Instruction:		
Equipment:		
Suitability of Environment:		
Accommodation		
Food		
Evening Activities		
Please record any near misses forms.		Yes / No

<b>Signed Trip Leader</b>	
<b>Signed Head Teacher</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	